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WITH A QUASICOMPETITION PLAY
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the documents identified on the enclosed form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed, are disclosed to the examiner for consideration in connection with the present application.

By this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, applicant cites U.S. Patent Application No. 10/029,381 ("the '381 application") and U.S. Published Application No. 2003/0114219, which is the published version of the '381 application. Additionally, applicant cites the most recent amendment (dated May 6, 2004) and Office Action (dated January 6, 2004) in regard to the '381 application (in particular, note claims 1, 28, 43, and 53, amended to incorporate limitations of claims 10, 41, 52 and 56, respectively, found to be allowable). Further, applicant cites those documents not previously cited to or by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-mentioned application that were cited to or by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the prosecution of the '381 application.

The undersigned also notes the following. The named inventor of the '381 application is the named inventor of the above-mentioned application. Moreover, the

assignee of the '381 application at the time of filing, Anchor Gaming, was the assignee of the above-mentioned application at the time of filing. Further, the '381 application and the above-mentioned application were both transferred from Anchor Gaming to the present assignee, IGT. However, neither the undersigned nor his firm prepared the above-mentioned application or the '381 application, and the undersigned did not become aware of a relationship between the subject matter of the '381 application and the subject matter of the above-mentioned application until recently, when he reviewed the Office Action issued in regard to the '381 application.

The submission of the documents identified on the enclosed PTO-1449 form is not an admission that they are prior art or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to charge any required fee for the submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

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